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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 2 & 3

Part B for Octr 1909

SUBJECT.

Petn from Acharyapurusha Kesavachar of Belur praying that the Parakala Matt may not be permitted contrary to manual to appoint Gumasthas to receive Agramaryade in the Sri Channakesavaswami temple

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To,
The Dy Commr Hassan
" President Spl Committee
No-1020-1 Dt 8. 10. 1909
Remands the case for disposal by the local Officer in the first instance

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

(Muzrai)

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File No. 94/09

FILE HEADING.

Petition from Acharyapurusha Kesavachar of Belur—praying that the Sri Parakalamatt may not be permitted contrary to mamul, to appoint Gumasthas to receive Agramaryada in the Sri Channakesavaswamy temple.

From

Kesavachar.

No.	Dated	Received

Diary No. 272	Enclos.	Spare Copies	Serial No. 1

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

Under Secretary's order—Put up note submitted for o. o. The petr. says he is in possession of Sannadu which entitle him to receive first honors in the Belur temple. He objects to such honors being

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Shown to the Gumasta of the Sri Parakala Matt who appear to have written an Yadast to the Amildar of Belur in that behalf about 6 or 7 months ago. The letter is not stamped, & no enclosures have been received.

Subtd for orders. There is a reference from Ch 28/8/09 [illegible] Dy Cmr Hassan in this connection. Include it in this file.

28/8/09

2 From, the Dy Commr, Hassan Distt.

Letter no. $\frac{79}{S}$ Dt 16:8:09

Reports that on the yadi from the Agent of the Parakala matt, in the matter of the appointment of one Kesaviengar of Belur to receive on behalf of the ~~temple~~ matt, the Agra Theertha honors in the Sri Chennakesavaswamy temple, the connected records have been submitted to him by the Sub Divl Officer and solicits instructions as to whether the Special Committee has to dispose of this case or the Dy. Commr on its merits.

Submitted for orders. Where is the [illegible] Ch 4/9/09 referred to by Dy Cmr? 7/9/09

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Under Secretary's Note

The order referred to by the D.C. is marked ship A in linked file.

It was passed on certain proposals made by the President of the Committee.

The enquiry is to be held by local officers and then case decided.

5 A copy of the Govt. Order No. 3645-M dd 24-5-1904 / Aug. 7 40-1903 is put up for reference.

The local officers may complete the enquiry and ~~[illegible]~~ to pronounce the decision until the Govt. pass orders on the report of the Special Committee which is likely to be submitted soon.

A draft is submitted herewith to the Councillor

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Draft approved by [illegible]

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To D.C., Hassan [illegible]

3 No. 1020-1 dt. 3rd Oct. '09 passes orders in the petn. (…) & directs the postponement of the Local Officers' decision, pending the final orders of Govt. in the matter.

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From
P. R. W. Wetherall Esquire
Deputy Commissioner
Hassan District.

To
K. S. Chandrasekhara Aiyar Esq B.A.B.L.
Secretary to the Govt of H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore, Muzrai Dept
Bangalore

Dated 16th
Despatched August 1909
Received

General No. 79
No. 5
Enclosure No.

Subject

Submitting a report re the claim of the Sri Parakalaswami Mutt to Agrathirtha and other honors in the Sri Channakesava Swami temple at Belur.

~~Refer~~ AC - [illegible]

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Office of
Has
Dated Hassan 16th Aug 1909.

From P. R. W. Metheall, Esquire,
Deputy Commissioner
Hassan District

To K. S. Chandrasekhara Aiyar, Esquire, B.A. B.L.
Secretary to the Government of H. H. the
Maharaja of Mysore Gen. and Rev:
Departments, Bangalore.
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Sir,

With reference to Government Proceedings No. 1208—18 dated 16th September 1908 re. the work of the Special Committee appointed to enquire into and submit a report to Government on the claim of the Sri Parakalaswamy Matt to Agrathirtha and other honors in certain Vishnu temples in the State, I have the honor to state that the Agent of the Matt having addressed a yadi

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to this office for arranging to offer Such Agrathirtha and other honors to: one Keshaviengar at Belur on behalf of the Matt a report on the Subject has been received from the Assistant Commissioner Saklespur, I request therefore that you will be So good as to intimate whether the claim of the Matt to Such honors in the Sri Chennakeshava Swami temple at Belur is to be enquired into by the Committee, or whether the matter could be disposed of on its merits.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant

for Deputy Commissioner
Hassan District

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Serial No. 3

Diary No. of letter replied to

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Date of issue 8th October 1909

Signed by Mr. A. S. Iyer

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

READ—

Petn. Regd No D 272, dated 29th July 1909, from Kesavaphan of Belur, stating that he is entitled to the Agrathirtha honor in the Sri Chennakesavaswami temple at Belur, and praying therefore that the Sri Parakalaswami Matt may not be permitted to appoint its Gumastah to receive the said honor in the temple, contrary to mamool.

Letter No 79, dated 16th August 1909, from the Dy Commr, Hassan Dt, reporting that the Agent of the Sri Parakala Matt has applied for arrangements being made to offer Agrathirtha in the

over

~~ORDER THEREON.~~—No.

SUBJECT

GPB—6,000—13-5-08

Belur temple to the Matt Gumastah, and enquiring whether the claim of the Matt is to be enquired into by the Special Committee appointed under Govt Order No 1208-18, dated 16th Sept 1908 or whether the matter may be disposed of on merits

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Order thereon:- No 1020-1 / M. 794-09-3 [illegible]

The enquiry into the claims in question has to be held by the local Officers and the case decided. As, however, the Special Committee are expected to submit their report at an early date, the local Officers may, in regard to the Belur case, postpone their decision pending the orders of Govt on the report of the Committee. The marginally noted Govt Orders relating to the Agrathirtha honors claimed by certain individuals in the Melukote and Rangasthala temples may also with advantage be consulted.

(1) Govt Pro No 2(45-56 / Muz F 40-03 Dd 24th May 191[illegible]
(2) Govt Pro No 1092 / Muz F 24-96 Dd 22nd Novr 191[illegible]
Copies put up for ready reference

2 The petn of Kesavachar read above is forwarded to the Dy Commr for disposal in the light of the above remarks

6/10/09

For Secretary

6/10/9

To
The Dy Commr, Hassan Dt
President of the Special Committee.

READ—

(1) Petitions Nos. 966 and 970, dated 6th and 8th January 1900, from A. V. Gopalachar of the Kalyandrug Taluk in the Anantapur District, appealing against the order of the Deputy Commissioner of the Tumkur District, deciding that Agratirtha and other honors in the Sri Venugopalakrishnaswami temple at Metakunte in the Sira Taluk; be granted to the Sri Parakalaswami Matt and not to the petitioner.

(ii) Letter No. 147, dated 25th January 1904, from Mr. C. Seshadri Iyongar, 1st General Assistant Commissioner, Tumkur District, to the Deputy Commissioner :—

In acknowledging your yadi No. 102, dated 16th September 1903, forwarding copy of docket No. 685, dated 10th September 1903, from the Deputy Secretary to the Government of Mysore, Muzrai Department, calling for further report regarding Agratirtha and other honors in the Sri Venugopalakrishnaswami's temple at Metakunte in the Sira Taluk, I have the honor to state that I issued notices to the parties concerned and to the Agent of the Sri Parakalaswami Matt at Mysore and held the necessary enquiries on the first point mentioned in the Deputy Secretary's docket, *viz.*, whether the Sri Parakalaswami Matt did at any time prior to their yadi No. 23, dated 6th August 1897, which they addressed to the Amildar of the Sira Taluk, enjoy the honors in the temple and, if so, whether they had employed any one as their local gumasta.

(2) Ramachar, the Agent of the Matt, produced the following papers in support of the claim and stated that some of the persons who have signed the Mahazars and Vignapanapatrikas may be examined and that the Matt is not in possession of any other documents of previous years as the records are not kept properly arranged.

(1) Mahazar dated 18th July 1897, said to have been drawn up and presented to the Matt by Chakravarti Tirunaranachar and other jodidars of Adavi Nagenahalli in the Maddagiri Taluk.

(2) Mahazar dated 18th July 1897, said to have drawn up and sent to the Matt by the people of Metakunte.

(3) Vignapanapatrika dated 18th July 1897, said to have been written and sent to the Matt by Archak Krishnamachar of the temple.

(4) Mahazar dated 18th July said to have been drawn up and sent to the Matt by the people of Bandakunte.

(5) Vignapanapatrika dated 3rd August 1897, said to have been written and delivered to the Matt by Ramachar, son of Krishnamachar of the Puranic family, now in the enjoyment of the honors of that family.

(6) Vignapanapatrika dated 25th October 1897, said to have been written and delivered to the Matt by Narasimhachar, son of Gopalachar of the Varle family, now in the enjoyment of the honors of that family.

(3) It will be seen from the above that all the above papers are dated a few days before the date of the yadi which the Matt addressed to the Amildar of the Sira Taluk, viz. 6th August 1897, with the exception of papers No. 6 which appears to have been received by the Matt on the 25th October 1897 or two months and 19 days after the date of yadi.

(4) At the request of the Agent of the Matt the following persons who have signed the above papers were examined as witnesses :—

1. Chakravarti Rangachar, residing at Adavi Nagenahalli, Maddagiri Taluk.
2. Narasimha Rangachar, residing at Garani in the Maddagiri Taluk
3. Anantha Narasimhachar, residing at Garani in the Maddagiri Taluk.
4. Kondikar Ranganna, residing at Metukunte in the Sira Taluk.
5. Dasegauda, patel of Gollahalli, Sira Taluk.
6. Balegauda, patel of Bandakunte, Sira Taluk.
7. Hanuma, residing at Bandakunte, Sira Taluk.
8. Ramachar, son of Krishnamachar, residing at Metukunte, Sira Taluk.
9. Narasimhachar, son of Varale Gopalachar, residing at Metukunte, Sira Taluk.
10. Kare Mallegauda, son of Narasegauda, residing at Metukunte, Sira Taluk.

(5) Chikkavenkata Ramachar who has signed the Mahazar, marked (1) states that to his knowledge, the Parakalaswami Matt never came to Metukunte, that he went to Metukunte about 16 years ago, that one Ratnagiri Varadachar was then enjoying the honors of the Purnie family that he was informed that he was enjoying the honors on behalf of the Matt, that he went to Metukunte on one or two occasions subsequently and that he made no enquiries as to who were in the enjoyment of the honors on those occasions. Narasimharangachar and Anantanarasimhachar who have also signed the above Mahazar state that they are not aware that Parakalaswami Matt ever came to Metukunte, that they know nothing about the honors or of the right of the Matt to employ a gumasta, that Ramachar and Lakshmanachar, sons of [illegible] Varadachar informed them that the honors are due to the Matt and that the Matt had a right to appoint a gumasta and they therefore signed the Mahazar.

(6) Kondilwar Ram[illegible] Dasa [illegible] of the temple and Dasegowda patel of Gollahalli, who have signed the Mahazar marked (2) state that the Sri Parakalaswami Matt never came to Metukunte and that the honors are being enjoyed by Narasimhachar, son of Varale Gopalachar and Ramachar, son of Purnie Krishnamachar, who are the local Acharyapurushas.

(7) [illegible] Krishnamachar who has addressed the Vignapanapatrika No 3 to the Matt is dead.

(8) [illegible] and Hanuma of Bandakunte who have signed the paper No 4 state that they do not know anything about the honors in the Metukunte temple, that one Krishnappa [illegible] the son of Ratnagiri Varadachar residing at Hullekere Devarahalli in the Madaksira Taluk brought the paper and obtained their signature to it.

(9) [illegible] son of Krishnamachar of the Purnie family who is now in the enjoyment of the honors appertaining to that family and who has presented the Vignapanapatrika No 5 to the Matt states that his forefathers and he enjoyed the Agratirtha and other honors as local Acharyapurushas [illegible] of the Matt, that the Matt never appointed them as gumastas, that it has no right to make any such appointment, that at the instance of some of his opponents the Swami [illegible] him told him that the honors in all the Sri Vaishnava temples belong to the Matt in accordance with the Nirup issued by His late Highness the Maharaja of Mysore in the year Prajotpatti, that there was no harm in presenting the Vignapanapatrika and he therefore wrote out the patrika and presented it to the Matt.

(10) Narasimhachar adopted son of Varale Gopalachar, who is now in the enjoyment of the honors appertaining to the Varale family and who has presented paper No 6 to the Matt, corroborates the evidence given by Ramachar.

(11) D[illegible] of Gollahalli and Karemallegauda of Metukunte state that the Sri Parakalaswami Matt never came to Metukunte, that it did not at any time appoint a local gumasta to enjoy the honors and that Purnida Ramachar and Varale Narasimhachar have been enjoying the honors in the temple as local Acharya Purushas.

(12) From the above it will be seen that there is not a particle of evidence to show that the Matt ever visited Metukunte and that the Agratirtha and other honors were ever enjoyed by them. There is no evidence either oral or documentary in support of the contention that the Matt ever appointed a local gumasta to enjoy the honors on its behalf. For the first time [illegible] after the issue of the Matt Yadi No 23, dated 6th August 1897, to the Amildar, the Sri Parakalaswami Matt seem to have at the instance of some of the opponents of Purnachar and [illegible] attempted to obtain the documents above enumerated to support their claim. Most of the signatories of the Mahazars are not even aware of the contents of the documents they have signed.

(13) There is no dispute between the Purnie and the Varale families as observed in the [illegible] Deputy Secretary's docket. The dispute is between A V Gopalachar, residing in the S[illegible] V[illegible] village of the Anantapur District and Narasimhachar, adopted son of deceased Gopalachar who is now in the enjoyment of the honors of the Varale family. A. V. Gopalachar has claimed the honors belonging to the Varale family on the ground—

(i) that he is the descendant of Gopalachar who died without issues some years ago,

(ii) that Narasimhachar is not the adopted son of the deceased Gopalachar,

(iii) that whenever he went to Metukunte the honors of the Varale family were enjoyed by him

and (iv) that the Sri Parakalaswami Matt had issued the yadi to the Amildar in his favor

A full enquiry was held on the points i, ii & iii urged by A V Gopalachar and reported to Government.

(14) The present enquiry is confined to the first point raised in the Deputy Secretary's docket, viz, whether the Sri Parakalaswami's Matt did at any time prior to their yadi No 23, dated 6th August 1897, which they addressed to the Amildar for the first time, enjoy the honors in the temple and, if so, whether they had employed any one as their local gumasta.

(15) A. V. Gogalachar did not appear before me for the purpose of the enquiry, although the notice fixing the date of the hearing to 2nd December 1903 was duly served on him. He has in reply sent an affidavit signed by him praying that two months' time may be given to him and that some of the papers in the possession of the Matt may be obtained and filed with the records. The papers alluded to in the so-called affidavit have been produced by the Agent of the Matt.

(16) As I have already stated these papers were either sent to the Matt or produced before the Matt a few days before the date of the yadi, and the persons, who have signed them do not say that the Matt ever enjoyed the honors prior to the date of the yadi and that they had employed any one as their local gumasta. Since the Matt has failed to make out that they had enjoyed the honors prior to 6th August 1897 and that they had appointed any one as their local gumasta, I think it unnecessary to examine A. V. Gopalachar on the subject.

(17) The depositions of the witnesses taken before me together with the exhibits produced by the Agent of the Matt and the entire records received with your yadi under acknowledgment are herewith sent.

And (iii) Correspondence ending with letter No. 401, dated 20th February 1904, from the Deputy Commissioner, Tumkur District, submitting the records connected with the case.

No. 3645-56—MUZ. F. 40-03, DATED BANGALORE, 24TH MAY 1904.

ORDER THEREON.—The facts of the case are as follows :—

The temple in question is a Muzrai Institution. There were two Acharyapurusha families in the Metukunte Agrahar, one being called the "Varale family" and the other "Puranada family." The Agratirtha, Satagopa and Tirumale honors in the temple were, from the commencement, being enjoyed by the two families, whose present representatives being one Ramachar and Narasimhachar, respectively. The subject of the dispute relates to the "Varale family." One Varale Gopalachar, one of the members in this family, was in the enjoyment of the temple honors *as an Acharyapurusha* till 1858, when he died heirless. His sister-in-law, by name Achamma, succeeded to the estates left by the deceased in the Srotrium and other Inam villages, but she also died in 1876-77. On her death, A. V. Gopalachar, the present appellant, came to the possession and enjoyment of the Agrahar Inams etc, but the temple honors due to the "Varale" family are being enjoyed since 1864 or even prior to that date by Narasimhachar, the counter-petitioner, on the alleged ground that he is the adopted son of the deceased Varale Gopalachar. Matters went on smoothly till 1896 and on the 6th August 1897, the Agent of the Sri Parakalaswami Matt addressed for the first time, a yadi to the Amildar of the Sira Taluk, requiring that Agratirtha and other honors alleged to be due to the Matt be first shown to Ramachar (of the Puranada family) and Narasimhachar (of the Varale family), on behalf of the Matt, the honors due to them as local Acharyapurushas being shown to the same individuals afterwards. The Amildar Mr. Vedantadesigam Iyengar without holding any sort of enquiry as to whether the Sri Parakalaswami Matt did at any time actually enjoy the first Tirtha etc., honors in this temple, prior to the date of their yadi, summarily gave an order to the Archak of the temple on the 15th August 1897, directing him to comply with the Matt's request. The petitioner thereupon presented an appeal to the Deputy Commissioner, but that officer also (Mr. M. Narain Rao) without going into the merits of the case, gave him an endorsement in 1899 in terms of the Amildar's report referring him to the proper Court to establish his hak. Hence the present appeal to Government.

2. The petitioner's contention is that firstly the Sri Parakalaswami Matt did never enjoy at any time the Agratirtha and other honors in this temple; and secondly that the allegation of Narasimhachar, that he is the adopted son of Varale Gopalachar, is false and that he is not, therefore, entitled to the temple honors due to the Acharyapurushas of the "Varale family."

3. From the records of enquiry held by the District Officers, it has been found that no prescription exists in the case of the Sri Parakalaswami Matt to claim the Agratirtha and other honors. The Assistant Commissioner Mr. Seshadri Iyengar's

letter gives a complete summary of the evidence and this evidence does not go beyond 1897. However, as the question of the general effect to be given to the Sunnad of 1811, under the authority of which the Matt claims the Agratirtha etc., honors, is now before the special Committee, the final decision of Government in the present case will be communicated on receipt of the Committee's report. In the meanwhile the Amildar Mr. Vedantadesigam Iyengar's order of the 15th August 1897, permitting priority of honors to the Matt should, for the present, be held in abeyance. He was wrong in having acted on the yadi of the Matt without the orders of the higher authorities.

4. With regard to the rival claims of Narasimhachar and A. V. Gopalachar to the temple honors, it is found that while the former claims the same as the adopted son of the last enjoyer Gopalachar, who died in 1858, the latter claims on the ground of his being the only hakdar to the family of the deceased Gopalachar. Narasimhachar has been in the enjoyment of the honors for more than 40 years past, and it is hard to deprive him of the same now summarily. The Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore are therefore pleased to direct that the existing practice prior to the date of the Sri Parakala Matt's yadi should continue until further orders.

M. SHAMA RAO,
Offg. Secy., Muzrai Dept.

To—The Deputy Commissioner, Tumkur District, returning the records.

The Deputy Commissioner, Kadur District, for information and communication to Mr. Vedantadesigam Iyengar, Acting Extra Assistant Commissioner.

The Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.

The Deputy Commissioners of other Districts.

The Palace Controller.

The Secretary to Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, General & Revenue Departments.

Exd—C. R.

1903-04

GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS
THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

MUZRAI

PROCEEDINGS

Dated 24th May 1904

No. $\frac{\text{3645-56}}{\text{Muz. F. 40-1903}}$

Passing orders regarding the Agratirtha and other honors in the Sri Venugopalakrishnaswami temple at Metukunte in the Sira Taluk.

SBP—20-6-04—209

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,

READ—

Petition No. 242, dated 10th September 1897, from Singarachar and Bhattarachar of Chikballapur, appealing against the Kolar Deputy Commissioner's order rejecting their claim to the "Agra Thirtha" honors in the Sri Ranganathaswami temple at Rangasthala, Chikballapur Taluk.

AND—

Records relating to the foregoing appeal petition submitted by the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District, with his docket No. 1306—307, dated 21st October 1897.

No. 1092—MUZ. F. 24-96, DATED BANGALORE, 22ND NOVEMBER 1902.

ORDER THEREON.—The facts of the case are as follow :—

The Swami of the Sri Parakala Matt addressed a Srimukha, dated Aswija Bahula Dwadasi of the year Jaya (1894-95), to the Sub-Division Officer of Chikballapur, stating that the "Agra Thirtha" honors in the Sri Ranganathaswami temple at Rangasthala were due to the Matt, as per Nirup issued by His Highness the late Maharaja Krishnaraja Wodiyar Bahadur III, in the year 1811. In continuation of this Srimukha, the Agent of the Matt, in his yadi dated 2nd November 1894, intimated the appointment of one Tirumala Tatachar to receive "Agra Thirtha" honors in the temple, as the local representative of the Matt. Venkatabhattarachar and his brother Ramachar *alias* Ramapulla Bhattarachar, who were the Acharyapurushas at Chikballapur, protested against these honors being given to the Sri Parakalaswami Matt, on the ground that the honors were being enjoyed by their family. They, however, produced no document in support of their contention, and subsequently, in the course of the local enquiry, they gave a statement before the Sheristadar of the Chikballapur Taluk, on the 10th November 1894, agreeing to the "Agra Thirtha" honors being paid to the Sri Parakalaswami Matt and its agents. The Sub-Division Officer (the late Mr. A. Krishnaswamiengar) issued orders accordingly on the 10th November 1894.

2. Venkatabhattrachar, one of the petitioners, thereupon presented a petition to the Deputy Commissioner on the 23rd July 1895, stating that, under the Government Proceedings of 1895, the sannad of 1811 could only be enforced in those particular temples where it had been enforced without interruption; but that where such enjoyment was wanting, the Matt could not be allowed to claim the privileges in question, on the strength of the mere sannad; and that therefore the Sub-Division Officer was wrong in his decision. This petition was forwarded to the Sub-Division Officer, Mr. B. G. Krishnaiengar, who had since succeeded Mr. Krishnaswamiengar. The former decided on the 9th September 1895, that the question could not be reopened, in as much as it had been already settled by his predecessor, in conformity with the petitioner's own deposition.

3. In the meanwhile, Venkatabhattarachar having died, his brother Ramachar *alais* Ramapulla Bhattachar, (one of the original petitioners), Bhattachar, son of Raghunatha Bhattaru, and Singrachar, son of Venkata Bhattarachar (the other of the two original petitioners), then appealed to the Deputy Commissioner on the 8th March 1897. The Deputy Commissioner (Mr. A. Rangaswamiengar) dismissed the appeal on the 28th June 1897, on the ground that the first appellant (Ramachar) and his deceased elder brother (Venkatabhattarachar) had, in their deposition of the 10th November 1894, agreed to the first honors being paid to the Sri Parakalaswami Matt, and its agents and that this had been acted upon before the Government Proceedings of March 1895 was passed, and that the appellants had not produced any documents in support of their case.

4. Against the foregoing order of the Deputy Commissioner, Bhattarachar and Singrachar have appealed to Government on the following grounds :—

(i) that the "Agra Thirtha" honors in the temple were being enjoyed by their family in hereditary succession;

(ii) that since the issue of the sannad by His Highness the Maharaja Krishnaraj Wodiyar Bahadur III in 1811, the Parakalaswami did not even once visit the temple, nor were the honors paid to the Matt's agent;

(iii) that the deposition of Venkatabhattarachar was taken when he was not in his proper senses owing to his illness, and that even if he had consented to the first honors being given to the Matt, it is not binding on them,

(iv) that the fact that they were in the enjoyment of these honors is borne out by the Amildar's report, dated 10th November 1894;

anb (v) that the Government Order of 1895 prohibits the allowing of the honors to the Matt's agents.

5. The Government observe that in all such disputes, effect should be given to settlements agreed upon by both the parties when in a conciliatory mood. The Deputy Commissioner and the Sub-Division Officer have accordingly bound the petitioners by their statement or rather the statement of their representative man, that the honors contended for might be shown, under the terms of His Highness the late Maharaja Krishnaraj Wodiyar Bahadur's order, to Parakalaswami and his agent. The order seems to have proceeded on reasonable and intelligible grounds and on the consent of the parties, and it is inexpedient to disturb it. The appeal is accordingly rejected.

L. ANANTASAMI RAO,
Dy. Secy., Muz. Dept.

To—The Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District, returning records.

Exd.—O.V.

1902-03

GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

MUZRAI

PROCEEDINGS

Dated 22nd November 1902

No. $\frac{1092}{\text{Muz.F.24-96}}$

Rejecting the petition of Singrachar and Bhattarachar of Chikballapur appealing against the order of the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District, regarding their claim to the " Agra Thirtha " honors in the Sri Ranganathaswami temple at Rangasthala, Chikballapur Taluk.

SBP—9-12-02—200